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FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD

Care of
U. S. Civil Service Commission
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20415

September 12, 1969

Honorable Richard M. Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Federal Woman's Award, I am pleased to extend to you an invitation to submit nominations from your agency for the tenth annual Federal Woman's Award, to be presented on March 4, 1970.

The vigorous interest in the Federal Woman's Award program shown each year by the President and by heads of agencies has contributed importantly to its success. The program offers a valuable opportunity to pay high tribute and to focus nationwide attention on the accomplishments of your exemplary career women. I am sure you will want to start immediately on the staff work that will lead to nomination of outstanding candidates from your field offices, as well as your Washington headquarters. The Board would like to emphasize that more consideration should be given to nominating younger women, particularly those who, while they have not had a lengthy career, have made some very significant contributions.

The closing date for receipt of nominations is November 14, 1969. A sample nomination form and criteria for nominations are enclosed. Your agency may obtain additional forms by addressing a request to the Federal Woman's Award, care of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415, or by calling Code 101, Extension 25568 (632-5568).

Your agency's participation in this important program will be most welcome. The Board joins me in anticipating the nominations of the highly able and dedicated career women of your agency whom you believe are qualified for this honor.

Cordially,

Patricia Reilly Hitt
(Mrs.) Patricia Reilly Hitt
Chairman

Enclosures

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Criteria for Nominations

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

Any woman employee of the Federal Government with not less than three years continuous, full-time service in the competitive or excepted service, other than in a Schedule C position, and who has attained a rank equivalent to grade GS-9 of the Classification Act of 1949, or above, shall be eligible to receive an award based upon career service which has been characterized by outstanding ability and achievement in an executive, professional, scientific, or technical position.

Eligibility may be based upon achievements having an important effect on a major government program, or it may be based upon the specific outstanding accomplishments which have made, or are making, an important contribution to administrative, social, scientific, or technical progress in the work of a Federal agency. Eligibility for an award shall further depend upon the demonstration of either leadership, or sustained individual performance, showing a high degree of personal integrity, honesty, and judgment.

NOMINATIONS

Each department and agency may submit no more than six nominations. The purpose of providing for more than one nomination is to permit a distribution of nominations among age groups as well as occupational categories. Nominations must be submitted by the head of the department or agency concerned.

Nominations must be submitted on the forms provided, an original and five copies, each one enclosed in a folder. All information indicated on the form must be given. Extra sheets may be attached to the forms if necessary.

Specific examples and details of achievement must support each nomination. All information should be described in terms of factual data rather than opinion, and be in sufficient detail to be easily understood.

Submit nominations to Chairman, Board of Trustees, Federal Woman's Award, care of U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415, no later than November 14, 1969. In the event your agency has no candidates to submit for this year, please notify the Board accordingly.

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Judges

The Federal Woman's Award Judges for 1970 were:

Miss Bertha Adkins, educator and Government official. Miss Adkins has been Dean of Women at Western Maryland College, Republican National Committeewoman from Maryland, Director of the Women's Division of the Republican National Committee, and Assistant Chairman of that Committee; she was Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare from 1958 to 1961. She was Head of Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Va., from 1961 until her resignation in 1967.

Mrs. Shana Alexander, Editor of McCall's Magazine. Mrs. Alexander was a staff writer for Life Magazine for 15 years. Her column, "The Feminine Eye," which she began in 1964, appeared twice monthly in Life. She became editor of McCall's in 1969.

Mr. Edward William Carter, President of Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Carter is a director of numerous corporations, associations, and foundations, and of the Brookings Institution and Occidental College. He is also a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California.

Mr. Frederick J. Lawton, former Director of the Bureau of the Budget (1950-1953) and Civil Service Commissioner from 1953 to 1963. Mr. Lawton's 40-year Government career included other positions in the Bureau of the Budget, the Treasury Department, and the White House Office. Since his retirement he has served as Executive Director of the Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries, and as consultant to various Federal agencies and to the governments of Argentina, Brazil, and Ecuador.

Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu, physicist. Dr. Wu, educated in China and the United States, has been Professor of Physics at Columbia University since 1957. Honors she has received include the American Association of University Women's Woman of the Year award in 1962. She has honorary degrees from Princeton University, Smith College, and Goucher College.

The Federal Woman's Award

The Federal Woman's Award is the only award program created exclusively for the purpose of honoring career women in the Federal Government. It is administered by a Board of Trustees which has no official connection with the Government.

Mrs. Helen Delich Bentley, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1969. Other trustees, in addition to Mrs. Hitt, are Robert E. Hampton, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, who is Vice Chairman of the Board; Benjamin C. Bradlee, Executive Editor, the Washington Post; Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, former press secretary to Mrs. Lyndon Johnson; Robert W. Hartley, Vice President for Administration, The Brookings Institution; Mrs. Katie Louchheim, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; Miss Miriam Ottenberg, The Washington Evening Star; Mrs. Charlotte T. Reid, Member of the House of Representatives; Rocco C. Siciliano, Under Secretary of Commerce; Dr. Bennetta B. Washington, Associate Director of the Job Corps, Department of Labor. The founder of the Federal Woman's Award program, former Civil Service Commissioner Barbara Bates Gunderson, is an honorary member.

The program was created for the three-fold purpose of giving public recognition to outstanding Government career women, calling attention to the wide range of important work that women are doing in Government, and helping to interest talented young women in seeking Government careers. Nominations for awards are submitted to the Trustees by the heads of departments and agencies, and the final selections are made each year by a temporary panel of judges made up of five people who are prominent in public life but outside the Government.

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Winners of the 1970 Federal Women's Award for High Achievement in the Career Service of the Federal Government, from left, Dr. B. Jean Aggar, Naomi R. Sweeney, Dr. Margaret Pittman, Dr. Valerija B. Raulinaitis, Sarah B. Bishop, and Margaret Joy Tibbets.

Six Selected to Receive Federal Woman's Awards

By Marie Smith

A woman who drafted budget messages for five Presidents including Presi-

dent Nixon, a former woman ambassador, and four Government career women in the fields of health and medicine, have been chosen

to receive the tenth annual Federal Woman's Award. Selected for their "outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency"

of the career service in Government, the winners were announced yesterday by Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Patricia Hitt, chairman of the board of trustees for the award.

The winners, who will receive the award at a banquet on March 4, are: Naomi Rosen Sweeney, assistant director, Office of Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, whose responsibilities during her 20-year career have included in addition to drafting budget messages for Presidents, preparing portions of the budget.

Margaret Joy Tibbets, former ambassador to Norway and now deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs, the third woman in the history of the

Foreign Service to attain the rank of career minister.

Dr. Margaret Pittman, research microbiologist, pioneer in the development of pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine standardization and presently chief of the Laboratory of Bacterial Productions, Division of Biologics Standards, National Institutes of Health. Until last July, she was project officer for the Pakistan-Seato Cholera Research Laboratory in Dacca, a \$2 million-a-year operation with 800 employees.

Sarah Bishop Glindmeyer, chief, Bureau of Nursing, D.C. Department of Public Health, who in the last five years has brought about major improvements in health services to District residents and established a new career structure for

nursing personnel, elevating standards and grade levels and broadening the professional nursing practice. She is "boss" to 750 nurses and 891 professional assistants in the District.

Dr. Valerija B. Raulinaitis, chief of staff at the 2,487-bed Veterans Administration Hospital, Downey, Ill. A native of Lithuania, she practiced medicine there and in displaced-persons camps in Germany before coming to the U.S. in 1949. After that she became resident in psychiatry at the Downey hospital in 1954 and chief of staff in 1962.

Dr. B. Jean (Francis) Aggar, who as research chemist at the U.S. Plant, Soil and Nutrition Laboratory, Ithaca, N.Y., played a vital role in determining the molecular structure of ribonu-

cleic acid making possible a scientific breakthrough because of the involvement of the acid in genetic defects and transmission of certain diseases.

At a press conference yesterday the winners recalled amusing incidents of their careers. Mrs. Sweeney recalled the difficulties she had getting the Government Printing Office to print President Eisenhower's budget message with his style of capitalization which was contrary to the GPO "guidebook".